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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: LASER DIODE MODULE AND ASSEMBLING METHOD THEREFOR

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 13, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on August 13, 2002. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please **REPLACE** the abstract with the following abstract:

A1
A laser diode module including a laser diode assembly having a laser diode and a holder, a lens-fiber assembly having a lens and an optical fiber fixed in a given positional relationship, and a sleeve. The lens-fiber assembly includes a casing having a first hole and a second hole offset from the first hole. The lens is inserted and fixed in the first hole, and a ferrule in which the optical fiber is embedded is press-fitted with the second hole. The ferrule has a slant polished first end and a second end projecting from an end surface of the casing by a given distance. The lens and the ferrule are fixed in the casing so that a given distance is defined between the lens and the first end of the ferrule.

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